

THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media consumption, the system comprising:

a first television display in a first home;

the first television display having an associated first set of options governing the consumption of media;

a first storage, in the first home, that stores the media;

the first storage supporting consumption of the media by the first television display, and having an associated first network address;

a second television display in a second home;

the second television display having an associated second set of options governing the consumption of media;

a second storage, in the second home, that stores the media;

the second storage supporting consumption of the media by the second television display, and having an associated second network address; and

server software that receives, via a communication network, a request that identifies at least one or more of the associated first ~~and~~ or second network addresses, a user identifier, and authorization information, and responds by identifying the other of the associated first ~~and~~ or second network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first ~~and~~ or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, ~~and~~ or an electronic serial number (ESN).

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and or a wireless infrastructure.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the media comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of audio, a still image, video, real-time video, and or data.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein consumption comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and or displaying data.

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein each of the associated first and second sets of options governing the consumption of media comprise ~~at least one~~ or more of a media schedule, a device address, a device identifier, billing information, tracking information, channel setup information, program setup information, digital rights management information, media caching information, media storage information, media filter information, a user profile, and or pay-per-view event information.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the media ~~filtering~~ filter information comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of an industry rating, a program time, a language, content information, and or a personal program preference.

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein management comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of observing, setting, modifying, deleting, registering, authenticating, and or determining authority.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
a telephone voice response system for receiving user input via a telephone network, and having an associated third network address; and
server software that receives from the telephone voice response system a request that identifies ~~at least one~~ of the associated first, second, ~~and~~ or third network addresses, a user identifier, and authorization information, and responds by identifying ~~at least one~~ another of the associated first, second, ~~and~~ or third network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first ~~and~~ or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10 wherein the telephone voice response system recognizes ~~at least one~~ or both of human speech and or dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signals.

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the server software functions to perform ~~at least one~~ or both of the storage and or delivery of media.

13. (Currently amended) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media consumption, the system comprising:

a television display in a first home;

a first storage that stores the media, in the first home, the first storage communicatively coupled to the television display, and having an associated first set of options governing the consumption of media, and an associated first network address;

set top box circuitry, in the first home, communicatively coupled to the first storage to support consumption of media;

a personal computer monitor in a second home;

a second storage that stores the media, in the second home, the second storage communicatively coupled to the personal computer monitor, and having an associated second set of options governing the consumption of media, and an associated second network address;

personal computer circuitry, in the second home, communicatively coupled to the second storage to support consumption of media; and

server software that receives via a communication network a request that identifies at least one or more of the associated first ~~and~~ or second network addresses, a user identifier, and authorization information, and responds by identifying the other of the associated first ~~and~~ or second network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first ~~and~~ or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, and or an electronic serial number (ESN).

15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the communication network comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the media comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of audio, a still image, video, real-time video, and/or data.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein consumption comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein each of the associated first and second sets of options governing the consumption of media comprise ~~at least one~~ or more of a media schedule, a device address, a device identifier, billing information, tracking information, channel setup information, program setup information, digital rights management information, media caching information, media storage information, media filter information, a user profile, and/or pay-per-view event information.

20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19 wherein the media ~~filtering~~ filter information comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of an industry rating, a program time, a language, content information, and/or a personal program preference.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein management comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of observing, setting, modifying, deleting, registering, authenticating, and/or determining authority.

22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 further comprising:
a telephone voice response system for receiving user input via a telephone network, and having an associated third network address; and

server software that receives from the telephone voice response system a request that identifies ~~at least one~~ of the associated first, second, ~~and~~ or third network addresses, a user identifier, and authorization information, and responds by identifying ~~at least one~~ another of the associated first, second, ~~and~~ or third network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first ~~and~~ or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22 wherein the telephone voice response system recognizes ~~at least one~~ or both of human speech and/or dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signals.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the server software functions to perform ~~at least one~~ or both of the storage and delivery of media.

25. (Currently amended) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media consumption, the system comprising:

a storage for storing media;

set top box circuitry supporting the consumption of media via a communication network, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to the storage, and having an associated set of options governing the consumption of media;

a telephone voice response system for receiving user input via a telephone network; and
server software that receives from the telephone voice response system a request, and
responds by enabling the management of the associated set of options governing the
consumption of media.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the communication
network comprises ~~at least one~~ or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network
infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet
infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and or a wireless infrastructure.

27. (New) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media
consumption, the system comprising:

set top box circuitry supporting consumption of media via a communication network, the
set top box circuitry having an associated set of options governing the consumption of media;
and

server software that receives from a telephone voice response system a request, and
responds by enabling management of the associated set of options governing the consumption of
media.

28. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the communication network comprises
one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line
(DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure,
and/or a wireless infrastructure.

29. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the communication network is the
Internet.

30. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, real-time video, and/or data.

31. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

32. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the associated set of options governing the consumption of media comprise one or more of a media schedule, a device address, a device identifier, billing information, tracking information, channel setup information, program setup information, digital rights management information, media caching information, media storage information, media filter information, a user profile, and/or pay-per-view event information.

33. (New) The system of claim 32 wherein the media filter information comprises one or more of an industry rating, a program time, a language, content information, and/or a personal program preference.

34. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the management comprises one or more of observing, setting, modifying, deleting, registering, authenticating, and/or determining authority.

35. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the telephone voice response system recognizes one or both of human speech and/or dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signals.

36. (New) The system of claim 27 wherein the server software functions to perform one or both of the storage and/or delivery of media.

37. (New) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media consumption, the system comprising:

set top box circuitry, in a first home, communicatively coupled to a first storage in the first home, the first storage having an associated first set of options governing the consumption of media and an associated first network address to support consumption of media using a television display in the first home;

circuitry, in a second home, communicatively coupled to a second storage, the second storage having an associated second set of options governing the consumption of media and an associated second network address to support consumption of media using a computer or other monitor or display in the second home; and

software that receives via a communication network a request that identifies one or more of the associated first or second network addresses, a user identifier, and/or authorization information, and responds by identifying the other of the associated first or second network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

38. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

39. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

40. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, real-time video, and/or data.

41. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

42. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the associated first and second sets of options governing the consumption of media comprise one or more of a media schedule, a device address, a device identifier, billing information, tracking information, channel setup information, program setup information, digital rights management information, media caching information, media storage information, media filter information, a user profile, and/or pay-per-view event information.

43. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the media filter information comprises one or more of an industry rating, a program time, a language, content information, and/or a personal program preference.

44. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the management comprises one or more of observing, setting, modifying, deleting, registering, authenticating, and/or determining authority.

45. (New) A system supporting the remote management of options related to media consumption, the system comprising:

a first television display, in a first home, communicatively coupled to a first storage in the first home, the first storage having an associated first network address, the first television display having an associated first set of options governing the consumption of media;

a second television display, in a second home, communicatively coupled to a second storage in the second home, the second storage having an associated first network address, the

second television display having an associated first set of options governing the consumption of media;

software that receives via a communication network a request that identifies one or more of the associated first or second network addresses, a user identifier, and/or authorization information, and responds by identifying the other of the associated first or second network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

46. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein the first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

47. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

48. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

49. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, real-time video, and/or data.

50. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

51. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein each of the associated first and second sets of options governing the consumption of media comprise one or more of a media schedule, a

device address, a device identifier, billing information, tracking information, channel setup information, program setup information, digital rights management information, media caching information, media storage information, media filter information, a user profile, and/or pay-per-view event information.

52. (New) The system of claim 51 wherein the media filter information comprises one or more of an industry rating, a program time, a language, content information, and/or a personal program preference.

53. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein management comprises one or more of observing, setting, modifying, deleting, registering, authenticating, and/or determining authority.

54. (New) The system of claim 45 further comprising:
a telephone voice response system for receiving user input via a telephone network, and having an associated third network address; and

server software that receives from the telephone voice response system a request that identifies one of the associated first, second, or third network addresses, a user identifier, and authorization information, and responds by identifying another of the associated first, second, or third network addresses, to support management of one of the associated first or second sets of options governing the consumption of media.

55. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein the telephone voice response system recognizes one or both of human speech and/or dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signals.

56. (New) The system of claim 45 wherein the server software functions to perform one or both of the storage and/or delivery of media.